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SUBJECT:UNESCO LITERACY PRIZES

1. IN RESPONSE TO DG'S LETTER OF MARCH 21, 1974, KINDLY ADVISE UNESCO THAT THE U.S. NOMINATES MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS OF PHILADELPHIA, MISSISSIPPI FOR ITS ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM. REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION IS BEING POUCHED.BUT PLEASE NOTE MAY 31 DEADLINE

2. LOCALLY ADMINISTERED BY CHOCTAWS THROUGH THEIR TRIBAL COUNCIL, THE PROGRAM IS LIFE-CENTERED FOCUSING UPON REAL PROBLEMS OF 250 ADULT PARTICIPANTS RANGING IN AGE FROM 17 TO 77, WHOSE EDUCATIONAL LEVEL IS MOSTLY BELOW 4TH GRADE. WITH LITERACY EDUCATION AS THE PRIMARY THRUST, THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO INCREASE EMPLOYABILITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF COPING SKILLS.

3. THE CHOCTAW ADULT BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM IS JOINTLY FUNDED BY THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (INTERIOR) AND THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION (HEW) WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT MAKING FUNDS
AVAILABLE FOR PARTICIPANTS TO BUILD THEIR OWN HOMES ON
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